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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working
Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I'm writing because I believe the Federal Communications Commission should grant LightSquared's waiver to enter the commercial marketplace as soon as it is feasible to do without disrupting GPS reception.

As you know, adequate Internet access is crucial for businesses and individuals in today's world. Unfortunately, many Americans in rural areas currently lack reliable access. If LightSquared is able to enter the marketplace, they will be able to cover well over 90% of the country by the year 2015.

In addition, if LightSquared enters the marketplace, they will be able to create tens of thousands of jobs and pump badly needed money into our economy.

Finally, I strongly believe that, in a free market economy, the FCC regulatory process should not be used by any business or industry to keep potential competitors out of the marketplace. Rather, all businesses should be given the opportunity to succeed or fail based on their own merits.

I'm aware that the GPS industry has expressed opposition to LightSquared's efforts due to concerns about interference with their systems. However, LightSquared has been working voluntarily for the past nine years to identify and fix any interference issues that really do exist,

and they have repeatedly pledged not to enter the marketplace until those issues are resolved. With that in mind, I think it is fair to ask what the GPS industry is really afraid of.

In closing, I believe LightSquared's efforts offer a great opportunity to expand Internet access to Americans currently lacking, to pump badly needed jobs and money into our economy, and to increase competition in one of the fastest growing sectors of our economy. I hope the Commission will keep these factors in mind as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,

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